

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT

I. HEADING

Date: February 28, 1994

Subject: Pacific Vegetable Oil International, Inc.
Boonton, Morris County, New Jersey

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POLREP NO.: Two (2)

II. BACKGROUND

Site No.:	CB
Response Authority:	CERCLA
NPL Status:	Non-NPL
Action Memorandum Status:	Finalized September 30, 1993
Start Date:	August 14, 1993

III. SITE INFORMATION

A. Incident Category

CERCLA incident Category: Inactive Production Facility

B. Site Description

1. Site Description

See Polrep No. 1

2. Description of Threat

The primary threat posed by the hazardous substances on this site is by direct human contact, as evidenced by the injury to a trespasser. A threat of fire exists at this site, which increases the risk of direct human contact to fire-fighters. Vapors from a fire could release contaminants into the air, and potentially expose nearby residents. Runoff from a fire could further release hazardous substances into the environment and contaminate nearby properties.

C. Preliminary Assessment Results

In August, September and October of 1993, EPA conducted preliminary assessments at the site for the purposes of air monitoring, photodocumenting and confirming the inventory. The site was found to meet the criteria for a removal action under CERCLA. During the assessment TAT confirmed the presence of approximately 3,000 lab containers, 235 drums, 13 bags and 19 tanks. The types of materials found on-site include, but are not limited to, flammable solids, flammable liquids, and corrosives.

IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Planned Removal Actions

The scope of work for this removal action includes the complete removal and disposal of all hazardous materials on-site to CERCLA/RCRA approved transportation, storage and disposal facilities (TSDFs). The planned action will include sampling drums and full hazardous categorization analysis. Once wastes are categorized, composite samples will be generated and sent off for disposal analysis. Benchscale testing will be conducted in order to bulk complimentary materials. Smaller laboratory sized containers will be lab-packed according to compatibility and TSDF specifications. Once laboratory results are received all containers will be profiled, labeled and shipped off for disposal. These activities will be conducted by EPA should the PRP fail to conduct them, or does not complete them in an expedient manner.

B. Situation

1. Current Situation

The draft Administrative Consent Order was submitted to PVO for their review. Negotiations are presently being conducted and finalization should occur shortly.

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2. Removal Actions to Date

On 8/24/93, a meeting was conducted at EPA with Counsel for PVO and Drew Chemical Corp. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the lack of security measures taken at the site and to find out if PVO is willing to conduct the removal. The meeting confirmed PVO's willingness to conduct the removal, as well as, them agreeing to sign an ACO.

An agreement is in place, between Drew and PVO which has Drew loaning PVO part of the money to conduct the cleanup. The rest of the money is coming from a court settlement, which held Drew liable for part of the cleanup as the previous owner of the facility. Repayment will occur when the property is declared "clean" and can be sold.

The Action Memorandum was approved on 9/30/93. PVO took over 24 hour site security on 11/15/93 and conducted site stabilization activities in December. The draft ACO was completed in December, 1993 and negotiations continue. Should the PRPs fail to sign the ACO or delay the start of the cleanup, funding has been approved for EPA to perform the removal.

3. Enforcement

As stated previously the draft ACO is currently under review and will be finalized shortly. CID conducted an investigation at the site, but DOJ will not pursue the case.

C. Next Steps

The ACO will be signed shortly and the PRPs should begin work when that happens.

D. Key Issues

None at this time.

V. COST INFORMATION

The following are estimated costs to date for this site:

ERCS Contractor	\$ 35,415.67
TAT Contractor	\$ 16,089.00
Intramural Direct and Indirect (Regional)	\$ 3,581.19
Total	\$ 55,085.86
PROJECT CEILING	\$ 348,000.00
Approximate Funds Remaining	85%